

## Message Text

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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR, JM

SUBJECT: MATALON BOMB INCIDENT

REF: STATE 187606

WE HAVE STUDIED REFTEL WITH INTEREST AND ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED OVER THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE GRENADE MAY NOT HAVE BEEN CAPABLE OF EXPLODING AND HENCE THAT THE ATTEMPT ON MINISTER MATALON'S LIFE MAY NOT, IN FACT, HAVE BEEN GENUINE. IF THIS IS THE CASE IT IS, OF COURSE, OF GREAT IMPORTANCE IN ASSESSING BOTH THE SIGNIFICANCE OF THE INCIDENT AND ITS IMPLICATIONS FOR THE FUTURE OF NARCOTICS-RELATED ACTIVITIES IN JAMAICA. HOWEVER, WE NOTE THAT THE FBI REPORT IS 10 DAYS OLD. THE DEPARTMENT IS REQUESTED TO CONTACT FBI, DEA, AND DADE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE AND OBTAIN REPORTS OF INVESTIGATIONS TO DATE. WE WOULD APPRECIATE SUMMARIES OF THESE REPORTS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

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